



Summary of 2019 Rules of Golf Changes

Huronsauga Golf Club has summarized 2019 Changes to the Rules of Golf below, as described by Golf Canada. Huronsauga Golf Club encourages members to visit the Golf Canada website (www.golfcanada.ca) for confirmation and more details. Players editions of the Rules can be purchased from the website.

- If a ball in motion is accidentally deflected by you or your equipment, there will be no penalty and the ball will be played from where it comes to rest
- You will be permitted to use a distance-measuring device, unless a Local Rule has been adopted prohibiting its use
- You no longer have the option of taking relief on the opposite side of the point where your ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area
- Any penalty area (water Hazard) can be marked as red, which means that lateral relief will be available to you
- A recommendation in the Rules is that you make each stroke in 40 seconds or less
- Playing out of turn in stroke play to save time, also known as ready golf, is encouraged
- A new stroke-play format allows the Committee to set a maximum score for a hole
- If your putt hits an unattended flagstick in the hole, there will be no penalty
- A Committee will have the authority to adopt its own code of conduct and to set penalties for breaches of that code
- You will be able to mark and lift a ball to identify it, check for damage or see if it is embedded without first announcing your intention to another player
- When dropping from knee height, so long as you do all that can be reasonably expected under the circumstances to make an accurate estimation or measurement, your reasonable judgment will be accepted, even if later show to be wrong by other means (such as video technology).
- Three minutes will be the maximum allotted time to search for a ball
- You may take relief for an embedded ball anywhere in the “general area” (except in sand). “General Area” is the new term for “through the green”
- You will not be allowed to replace a damaged club during the round if you were responsible for the damage
- You will be allowed to keep using any damaged club, even if you damaged it in anger
- If a Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you will have the additional option of dropping your ball on the nearest fairway edge, within 2 club lengths, no closer to the hole, with a penalty of 2 strokes. Note: Huronsauga Adopted this Local Rule and eliminated stroke and distance.

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